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SUBJECT: HEU FUEL EXPORTED FOR MEXICO'S TRIGA REACTOR

REF: VIENNA 4260

1. 18 FUEL ELEMENTS FOR TRIGA REACTOR AT SALAZAR CENTER
CONTAINING ABOUT 3425 GRAMS HEU (70 PERCENT ENRICHED)
WERE EXPORTED TO MEXICO 17-18 NOVEMBER 1977. ELEMENTS WERE
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TRUCKED TO SAN DEIGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY GENERAL
ATOMIC COMPANY (GA) AND FROM THERE WERE TRANSPORTED IN
PRIVATE INEN AIRCRAFT TO MEXICO CITY. COPIES OF NUCLEAR
MATERIAL TRANSACTION REPORT (FORM NRC/ERDA-741) NUMBERS
ZGQ-RME-3 AND ZGQ-RME-4, REPORTING TRANSFER, WERE TRANS-
MITTED TO IAEA AND INEN.

2. MEXICO AND USIAEA: FYI AND FOR USE IF YOU CONSIDER DESIRABLE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH IAEA AND GOM: FUEL WAS EXPORTED PURSUANT TO EXPORT LICENSE XSNM-1150, ISSUED 28 SEPTEMBER 1977. AFTER LICENSE WAS ISSUED, GA INFORMED NRC AND DOE THAT IT WOULD BE UNABLE TO COMPLETE SPECIAL TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS (INVOLVING USE

OF INEN AIRCRAFT) IN TIME FOR EXPORT BEFORE OCTOBER 4 (DATE OF EXPIRATION OF US-IAEA-GOM SECOND SUPPLY AGREEMENT). DOE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL CONSIDERED THIS MATTER AND ON SEPTEMBER 30 DETERMINED THAT BY OCTOBER 4 THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN QUOTE SUBSTANTIAL PERFORMANCE UNQUOTE OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE THREE PARTIES. OGC CITED FOLLOWING ACTIONS: IAEA HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT TRANSFER WOULD BE PURSUANT TO SECOND SUPPLY AGREEMENT AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF US-IAEA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION; MATERIAL HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM ERDA TO GA; NRC HAD ISSUED EARLIER LICENSE WHICH BECAUSE OF LOGISTICAL DIFFICULTIES EXPIRED BEFORE MATERIAL COULD BE EXPORTED; AND A SECOND EXPORT LICENSE HAD BEEN ISSUED VALID FOR ONE YEAR. OGC FOUND THAT THESE ACTIONS CONSTITUTED QUOTE SUBSTANTIAL PERFORMANCE UNQUOTE AND THAT GA MIGHT COMPLETE PERFORMANCE (I.E., TRANSFER OF MATERIAL BEYOND US JURISDICTION AND CONSEQUENT PASSAGE OF TITLE) AFTER OCTOBER 4. HOWEVER, OGC STIPULATED THAT GA SHOULD FACILITATE ANY PREPARATIONS NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR COMPLETION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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